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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

10 Plaintiff,

No.: 2:14-CR-0032-JLQ-1

11 vs.

PLEA AGREEMENT

12 ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN,

13 Defendant.  
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16 Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Michael C. Ormsby, United  
17 States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and James A. Goeke, Assistant  
18 United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Defendant ADAM  
19 CHARLES WELLBORN and the Defendant's counsel, Robert Fischer, agree to the  
20 following Plea Agreement:

21 1. Guilty Plea and Maximum Statutory Penalties:

22 The Defendant ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN agrees to plead guilty to  
23 Count 1 of the Indictment in this case charging the Defendant with: Conspiracy to  
24 Commit Access Device Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b)(2). The Defendant  
25 understands that Count 1 of the Indictment alleging Conspiracy to Commit Access  
26 Device Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b)(2), is a Class D felony which  
27 carries a term of up to 7 and a half years imprisonment; a fine not to exceed \$250,000;  
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1 not more than 3 years of supervised release; restitution; and a \$100.00 special penalty  
2 assessment. Defendant ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN understands that a violation  
3 of a condition of supervised release carries an additional penalty of re-imprisonment  
4 for all or part of the term of supervised release without credit for time previously  
5 served on post-release supervision.

6 2. The Court is Not a Party to the Agreement:

7 The Court is not a party to this Plea Agreement and may accept or reject this  
8 Plea Agreement. Sentencing is a matter that is solely within the discretion of the  
9 Court. The Defendant understands that the Court is under no obligation to accept any  
10 recommendations made by the United States and/or by the Defendant; that the Court  
11 will obtain an independent report and sentencing recommendation from the U.S.  
12 Probation Office; and that the Court may, in its discretion, impose any sentence it  
13 deems appropriate up to the statutory maximums stated in this Plea Agreement.

14 The Defendant acknowledges that no promises of any type have been made to  
15 the Defendant with respect to the sentence the Court will impose in this matter. The  
16 Defendant understands that the Court is required to consider the applicable sentencing  
17 guideline range, but may depart upward or downward under the appropriate  
18 circumstances.

19 The Defendant also understands that should the sentencing judge decide not to  
20 accept any of the parties' recommendations, that decision is not a basis for  
21 withdrawing from this Plea Agreement or a basis for withdrawing this plea of guilty.

22 3. Waiver of Constitutional Rights:

23 The Defendant, ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN, understands that by entering  
24 this plea of guilty the Defendant is knowingly and voluntarily waiving certain  
25 constitutional rights, including:

- 26 (a). The right to a jury trial;  
27 (b). The right to see, hear and question the witnesses;  
28 (c). The right to remain silent at trial;

1 (d). The right to testify at trial; and

2 (e). The right to compel witnesses to testify.

3 While the Defendant is waiving certain constitutional rights, the Defendant  
4 understands the Defendant retains the right to be assisted through the sentencing and  
5 any direct appeal of the conviction and sentence by an attorney, who will be appointed  
6 at no cost if the Defendant cannot afford to hire an attorney. The Defendant also  
7 acknowledges that any pretrial motions currently pending before the Court are waived.

8 4. Elements of the Offense:

9 The United States and the Defendant agree that in order to convict the  
10 Defendant of Conspiracy to Commit Access Device Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §  
11 1029(b)(2), the United States would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the  
12 following elements:

13 (a) First, beginning on or about August 15, 2013 and continuing to on  
14 or about September 3, 2013, in the Eastern District of Washington,  
15 there was an agreement between two or more persons to commit at  
16 least one crime as charged in the Indictment (to wit, to effect  
17 illegal transactions with an access device issued to another person,  
18 in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(5));

19 (b) Second, the Defendant became a member of the conspiracy  
20 knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help  
21 accomplish it (to wit, to obtain money from the bank account of  
22 another using an access device); and,

23 (c) Third, the Defendant performed at least one overt act for the  
24 purpose of carrying out the conspiracy (to wit, the Defendant made  
25 multiple withdrawals of money and point of sales transactions  
26 using an illegally acquired access device during the course of the  
27 conspiracy).  
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1           5.     Factual Basis and Statement of Facts:

2           The United States and the Defendant stipulate and agree that the following facts  
3 are accurate; that the United States could prove these facts beyond a reasonable doubt  
4 at trial; and these facts constitute an adequate factual basis for Defendant ADAM  
5 CHARLES WELLBORN's guilty plea:

6           On August 15, 2013, an individual (the Account Holder) with no connection to  
7 ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER opened a  
8 bank account at Cashmere Valley Bank. Cashmere Valley Bank then sent the  
9 Account Holder a bank debit card (an access device under 18 U.S.C. § 1029) and a  
10 personal identification number (PIN) in the United States Mail. ADAM CHARLES  
11 WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER subsequently acquired the  
12 Account Holder's bank debit card and PIN through ADAM CHARLES  
13 WELLBORN's theft of the same from the account holder's mailbox. At no time from  
14 August 15, 2013 through September 3, 2013 did ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN  
15 and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER have permission or lawful authority to possess  
16 and use the Account Holder's bank debit card or to access the Account Holder's bank  
17 account with the Account Holder's PIN.

18           On August 26, 2013, BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER activated the Account  
19 Holder's bank debit card using the Account Holder's initial PIN, allowing ADAM  
20 CHARLES WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER to make deposits,  
21 withdrawals, and point of sale transactions using the Account Holder's bank debit  
22 card. ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN was with BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER  
23 when SCHAEFFER activated the Account Holder's bank debit card.

24           Beginning on August 26, 2013 and continuing through September 3, 2013, and  
25 ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER made  
26 approximately 17 deposits totaling approximately \$7,000 into the Account Holder's  
27 Cashmere Valley Bank account using stolen checks (also acquired from mailboxes  
28 around the Wenatchee area by ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN). The stolen checks

1 were altered to reflect the Account Holder's name rather than the legitimate payees  
2 the various legitimate Account Holders had intended. The point of the deposits was to  
3 increase the value of the bank account related to the bank debit card to allow ADAM  
4 CHARLES WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER to maximize cash  
5 withdrawals and point of sale purchases until the fraud was discovered. ADAM  
6 CHARLES WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER then made numerous  
7 cash withdrawals and point of sale purchases using the bank debit card totaling over  
8 \$6,000. The withdrawals and point of sale transactions made by ADAM CHARLES  
9 WELLBORN and BRITTANY JEAN SCHAEFFER were conducted in the  
10 Wenatchee area.

11 This statement of facts does not preclude either party from presenting and  
12 arguing, for sentencing purposes, additional facts which are relevant to the guideline  
13 computation or sentencing, unless otherwise prohibited in this agreement.

14 6. The United States Agrees:

15 (a.) Not to File Additional Charges:

16 The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington  
17 agrees not to bring any additional charges against the Defendant based upon  
18 information in its possession at the time of this Plea Agreement and arising out of  
19 Defendant's conduct involving illegal activity charged in this First Superseding  
20 Indictment, unless the Defendant breaches this Plea Agreement any time before  
21 sentencing.

22 7. United States Sentencing Guideline Calculations:

23 The Defendant understands and acknowledges that the United States Sentencing  
24 Guidelines (hereinafter "USSG" or "Sentencing Guidelines") are applicable to this  
25 case and that the Court will determine the Defendant's applicable Sentencing  
26 Guidelines range at the time of sentencing. The following calculations are the  
27 estimates of the United States and the Defendant. The Defendant understands that the  
28 Court is not bound by these estimates.

1 (a.) Base Offense Level:

2 The United States and the Defendant agree that the base offense level for a  
3 violation of Conspiracy to Commit Access Device Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §  
4 1029(b)(2) is 6 pursuant to USSG §2B1.1(a)(2).

5 (b.) Guideline Adjustments:

6 The United States and the Defendant agree that the following enhancements  
7 appear to apply:

- 8 • 2 level enhancement pursuant to §2B1.1(b)(1)(B) for a loss of  
9 more than \$5,000;
- 10 • 2 level enhancement pursuant to USSG §2B1.1(b)(2)(A) for 10 or  
11 more victims; and,
- 12 • 2 level enhancement pursuant to USSG §2B1.1(b)(11) for  
13 possession and use of an authentication feature (also resulting in a  
14 minimum offense level of 12 pursuant to the USSG);

15 The United States and the Defendant may advocate for any additional  
16 enhancements and/or reductions to the base offense level each party believes  
17 appropriate. The parties reserve the right under this Plea Agreement to oppose or  
18 support any adjustment to the base offense level.

19 (c.) Acceptance of Responsibility:

20 If the Defendant pleads guilty and demonstrates a recognition and an  
21 affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the criminal conduct; provides  
22 complete and accurate information during the sentencing process; does not commit  
23 any obstructive conduct; accepts this Plea Agreement; and provides written  
24 notification that he intends to enter a plea of guilty no later than March 28, 2014, the  
25 United States will move for a two (2) level downward adjustment in the offense level  
26 for the Defendant's timely acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to USSG §3E1.1(a)  
27 based on an estimated adjusted offense level of 12 before consideration of acceptance  
28 of responsibility. The United States agrees to move for an additional one (1) level



1 downward adjustment pursuant to USSG §3E1.1 (b) if the Court determines the  
2 Defendant's adjusted offense level is 16 or higher.

3 The Defendant and the United States agree that the United States may at its  
4 option and upon written notice to the Defendant, not recommend a two (2) or three (3)  
5 level downward reduction for acceptance of responsibility (depending on the  
6 Defendant's underlying adjusted offense level) if, prior to the imposition of sentence,  
7 the Defendant is charged or convicted of any criminal offense whatsoever or if the  
8 Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.

9 Furthermore, the Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 mandatory special penalty  
10 assessment for each count of conviction to the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District  
11 of Washington, at or before sentencing, and shall provide a receipt from the Clerk to  
12 the United States before sentencing as proof of this payment, as a condition to this  
13 recommendation by the United States.

14 (d.) Criminal History:

15 The United States and the Defendant understand that the Defendant's criminal  
16 history computation is tentative and that ultimately the Defendant's criminal history  
17 category will be determined by the Court after review of the Pre-Sentence  
18 Investigative Report ("PSR"). As of this date, the facts regarding the Defendant's  
19 criminal history are related in the Pretrial Services Report in this case. The United  
20 States and the Defendant have made no agreement as to the criminal history category,  
21 which shall be determined after the PSR is completed, but the parties note that based  
22 on the history reflected in the Pretrial Services Report, the Defendant's criminal  
23 history appears to be level I.

24 (e.) Guideline Range:

25 Based on the calculations set forth above in this paragraph, the United States  
26 believes the Defendant faces an adjusted sentencing range under the USSG of 6-12  
27 months incarceration based on an adjusted offense level of 10 and a criminal history  
28 category of I. An adjusted offense level of 10 and a criminal history category of I

1 would place the Defendant in Zone B of the Sentencing Table. Again, the Defendant  
2 understands that the Court will ultimately determine the applicable sentencing  
3 guideline range and is not bound to follow the recommendations of the parties and that  
4 the Court may also depart or vary upward or downward under the appropriate  
5 circumstances from the applicable advisory sentencing range.

6 8. Departures:

7 The parties have no agreement regarding upward or downward departures. The  
8 Defendant is free to argue for any applicable downward departure and/or for any  
9 sentence adjustment, sentence factor, and sentence variance under 18 U.S.C. § 3553.  
10 The United States is likewise free to argue for any applicable upward departure and/or  
11 for any sentence adjustment, sentence factor, and sentence variance under 18 U.S.C.  
12 § 3553.

13 9. Incarceration:

14 (a.) Length of Imprisonment:

15 The United States agrees to recommend a sentence of imprisonment within the  
16 applicable range under the Sentencing Guidelines as established by the Court. The  
17 United States agrees to recommend that the Defendant receive credit for all time  
18 previously served while awaiting trial. The Defendant is free to recommend any  
19 sentence he deems appropriate.

20 (b.) Bureau of Prison Recommendations:

21 The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington  
22 acknowledges that the Defendant may intend to request the Court to write a letter to  
23 the United States Bureau of Prisons recommending that the Defendant be allowed to  
24 serve any sentence of imprisonment (if applicable) at a specific institution. The  
25 Defendant understands that any decision concerning the Defendant's place of  
26 incarceration is within the exclusive province of the Bureau of Prisons.



10. Criminal Fine:

The United States and the Defendant have no agreement concerning a criminal fine. The United States is free to advocate for a criminal fine and the Defendant is free to oppose a criminal fine.

11. Supervised Release and/or Probation:

The Defendant understands that if the Court sentences the Defendant to a term of imprisonment, the United States will request a maximum term of supervised release to include the following special condition, in addition to whatever other special conditions the Court may impose and in addition to the standard conditions of supervised release: the Defendant's person, residence, office, vehicle, and belongings are subject to search at the direction of the Probation Officer.

The Defendant also understands that if the Court sentences the Defendant to a term of probation, the United States will request the following special condition, in addition to whatever other special conditions the Court may impose and in addition to the standard conditions of probation: the Defendant's person, residence, office, vehicle, and belongings are subject to search at the direction of the Probation Officer. The Defendant also understands that if the Court imposes a term of probation, the United States will seek the maximum term of probation under the law.

The United States is free to recommend additional special conditions of supervision (either under supervised release or probation) at the time of sentencing and during the period of supervised release and/or probation. The Defendant is free to oppose any additional conditions of supervision at the time of sentencing and during the period of supervised release and/or probation and is free to make any recommendation concerning the length of his supervised release term and/or probation.

12. Mandatory Special Penalty Assessment:

The Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 mandatory special penalty to the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Washington, at or before sentencing, pursuant to 18

1 U.S.C. § 3013 and shall provide a receipt from the Clerk to the United States before  
2 sentencing as proof of this payment.

3 13. Payments While Incarcerated:

4 If the Defendant lacks the financial resources to pay the monetary obligations  
5 imposed by the Court, the Defendant agrees to earn the money to pay toward these  
6 obligations by participating in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility  
7 Program.

8 14. Restitution:

9 The Defendant understands that the United States intends to seek restitution in  
10 this case. The Defendant agrees to a Restitution Order for the amount of the victims'  
11 losses as determined by the Court for the offenses of conviction in this Plea  
12 Agreement and the offenses that gave rise to the Plea Agreement. The United States  
13 and the Defendant are free to make any arguments they wish concerning the  
14 appropriate amount of restitution the Court should order in this case.

15 15. Additional Violations of Law Can Void Plea Agreement:

16 The Defendant and the United States agree that the United States may at its  
17 option and upon written notice to the Defendant, withdraw from this Plea Agreement  
18 or modify its recommendation for sentence if, prior to the imposition of sentence, the  
19 Defendant is charged or convicted of any criminal offense whatsoever or if the  
20 Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.

21 16. Waiver of Appeal and Collateral Attack Rights:

22 The Defendant understands that he has a limited right to appeal or challenge the  
23 conviction and sentence imposed by the Court. The Defendant hereby expressly  
24 waives his right to appeal his conviction and the sentence the Court imposes not in  
25 excess of the applicable Guideline range, including any restitution order. The  
26 Defendant further expressly waives his right to file any post-conviction motion  
27 attacking his conviction and sentence, including a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
28 2255, except one based upon ineffective assistance of counsel based on information

not now known by Defendant and which, in the exercise of due diligence, could not be known by Defendant by the time the Court imposes the sentence.

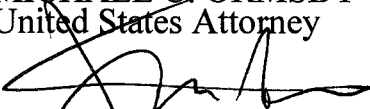
17. Integration Clause:

The United States and the Defendant acknowledge that this document constitutes the entire Plea Agreement between the United States and the Defendant, and no other promises, agreements, or conditions exist between the United States and the Defendant concerning the resolution of the case. This Plea Agreement is binding only upon the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington, and cannot bind other federal, state or local authorities. The United States and the Defendant agree that this agreement cannot be modified except in a writing that is signed by the United States and the Defendant.

Approvals and Signatures

Agreed and submitted on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington.

MICHAEL C. ORMSBY  
United States Attorney



JAMES A. GOEKE  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Date

4/01/14

I have read this Plea Agreement and have carefully reviewed and discussed every part of the agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily enter into this Plea Agreement. Furthermore, I have consulted with my attorney about my rights, I understand those rights, and I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this case. No other promises or inducements have been made to me, other than those contained in this Plea Agreement and no one has threatened or forced me in

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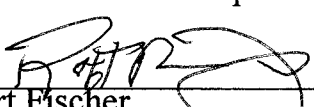
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1 any way to enter into this Plea Agreement. I am agreeing to plead guilty because I am  
2 guilty.

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4 ADAM CHARLES WELLBORN  
Defendant

4-1-14  
Date

5 I have read this Plea Agreement and have discussed the contents of the  
6 agreement with my client. The Plea Agreement accurately and completely sets forth  
7 the entirety of the agreement between the parties. I concur in my client's decision to  
8 plead guilty as set forth in the Plea Agreement. There is no legal reason why the  
9 Court should not accept the Defendant's plea of guilty.

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11 Robert Fischer  
12 Attorney for the Defendant

04/01/14  
Date